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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A cargo pressure tank (1) of a ship (2) for the transport of petroleum products, the cargo pressure tank (1) including a pipe (10) where the pipe's (10) opening (13) is located immediately above the bottom section (14) of the cargo pressure tank (1), and where the pipe (10) is used mainly for loading and unloading of fluids, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the pipe (10) is the only connection between the outside and the inside of the cargo pressure tank (1).
2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The cargo pressure tank (1) according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the pipe (10) extends from and is suspended from the top section (12) of the cargo pressure tank (1).
3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The cargo pressure tank (1) according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the pipe (10) is provided with at least one guide (20), the guide (20) being arranged to reduce displacement of the pipe (10) in the radial direction.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A cargo pressure tank (1) according to claim 3, characterized in that~~A cargo pressure tank of a ship for the transport of petroleum products, the cargo pressure tank comprising:  
a pipe where the pipe's opening is located immediately above the bottom section of the cargo pressure tank, and where the pipe is used mainly for loading and unloading of fluids,  
wherein the pipe is the only connection between the outside and the inside of the cargo pressure tank,

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wherein the pipe extends from and is suspended from the top section of the cargo pressure tank,

wherein the pipe is provided with at least one guide, the guide being arranged to reduce displacement of the pipe in the radial direction, and wherein the guide (20) is displaceable in the longitudinal direction of the cargo pressure tank (1).

5. (New) A cargo pressure tank for the transport of petroleum products, the cargo pressure tank comprising:

a tank body having an upper end and a lower end;

an elongated pipe disposed in the tank body, the pipe having its first open end positioned adjacent the lower end of the tank body and its second open end sealingly engaged with the upper end of the tank body;

wherein the pipe comprises the only connection between the outside and inside of the cargo pressure tank, and is arranged to load and unload pressurized natural gas in either a liquid or nearly liquid state into and out of the cargo pressure tank.

6. (New) The cargo pressure tank according to claim 5, wherein the second open end of the pipe is attached to the uppermost part of the tank body.

7. (New) The cargo pressure tank of claim 5, comprising at least one guide disposed in the tank body and arranged to reduce displacement of the pipe in the radial direction.

8. (New) The cargo pressure tank of claim 7, wherein the guide is displaceable in the longitudinal direction of the cargo pressure tank.

9. (New) The cargo pressure tank of claim 7, wherein the guide is pretensioned against an internal wall of the cargo pressure tank.

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10. (New) The cargo pressure tank of claim 7, wherein the guide is fixedly attached to the cargo pressure tank and the pipe is moveable in the guide.

11. (New) The cargo pressure tank of claim 7, wherein the guide comprises sliding surfaces for contacting an internal wall of the cargo pressure tank.

12. (New) The cargo pressure tank of claim 11, wherein the sliding surfaces comprise a damper material.

13. (New) A method of transporting petroleum products in a cargo pressure tank, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a pipe in the tank, the pipe having an opening that is located proximate a bottom of the tank, wherein the pipe is the only connection between the outside and inside of the tank;

loading and unloading the petroleum products into and out of the tank via the pipe.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, comprising the step of connecting the pipe to a guide that is disposed in the tank and that prevents radial movement of the pipe relative to the inside of the tank.

15. (New) The method of claim 13, comprising the step of pumping pressurized gas down through the pipe to increase the pressure in the tank and drive liquid phase petroleum product out of the tank.